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## **Conference seeks ways to improve Iraq's water supply**

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Soldiers from the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Abilene, Texas, part of Task Force 1st Armored Division, with help from the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief, hosted a conference discuss ways to higher quality better water for the people of Iraq Jan. 15.

Several Iraqi representatives from government ministries, local universities, community water districts and representatives from foreign health and government agencies came together at the Baghdad Convention Center to discuss problems and explore solutions for Iraq's water problems.

Iraqi water quality experts and water system technicians and managers also participated in the conference.

"The ministries have come together today to discuss the current status of water quality, different agencies' roles and future vision," said 1st Lt. Jeffery Smiley, water quality officer with the 490th. "We coordinated, got the water quality committee together and talked about projects."

The first session, said Smiley, focused mostly around establishing and refurbishing water quality laboratories and distributing literature and training on water purification. The second session covered the previous years' studies and the results of those studies.

The water quality committee has established several goals with the help of the U.S. Army, said Smiley.

The primary goal is to reestablish water quality laboratories, and in turn, improve and



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revamp water quality monitoring systems and procedures throughout the country.

Smiley said that establishing facilities and training personnel would allow those who have received the instruction to train others.

The U.S. Army's goals within these projects are to provide the Iraqi workers with the proper tools and know-how to provide safer quality water supplies to their countrymen, said Smiley.

"We are not trying to teach our (U.S.) standards. We are just trying to spark thought so they will develop their own standards," Smiley said. "The country's goals of water purification will be accomplished by Iraqis."

# The Old Ironsides Report

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## News...

### **Annan Meets With U.S., U.K. on Iraq Role**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Secretary-General Kofi Annan sought "greater clarity" about a possible U.N. role in Iraq, meeting on Monday with U.S. and Iraqi officials as the Bush administration faced a dispute with a prominent Shiite cleric over choosing a provisional government. "We look forward to a very good meeting," the senior U.S. administrator in Baghdad, L. Paul Bremer, said as before the closed-door session.

### **Iraq Shiites Demand Elections in Protest**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims marched peacefully in Baghdad Monday to demand an elected government, as U.S. and Iraqi officials prepared to seek U.N. endorsement of American plans for transferring power in Iraq. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has been reluctant to let the UN play a greater role in Iraq until he is convinced the country is safe.

### **Afghans Say U.S. Copter Attack Kills 11**

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - A U.S. helicopter attacked a house in a village in southern Afghanistan, killing 11 people, four of them children, Afghan officials said. The U.S. military said it conducted a weekend raid in the area in which it killed five armed militants. It said it had no information about civilian casualties.

### **King Jr.'s Widow Pleads for Nonviolence**

ATLANTA (AP) - The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow called for an end to acrimony in politics as Americans paused to commemorate the slain civil rights leader. Coretta Scott King talked last year about avoiding war in Iraq, and her plea for nonviolence returned this year. "Peaceful ends can only be reached through peaceful means," she said.

### **Democrats Rally Iowans Hours Before Vote**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Democratic presidential rivals made the final rounds Monday of a closely contested Iowa caucus campaign, the opening of the fight to pick a general election challenger to President Bush. "Everybody's got to do well or win," said Rep. Dick Gephardt, underscoring the stakes for Howard Dean and Sens. John Edwards and John Kerry as well as himself.

## **SAFETY TIP**

- KUWAIT WILL BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.
- THE TRANSITION FROM THE MSR TO A MAJOR HIGHWAY SYSTEM MUST BE TRANSITIONED SLOWLY.
- REDUCE SPEED UPON ARRIVAL.
- MAINTAIN YOUR INTERVALS. STAY ALERT!

## And in other news...

### **Microsoft Takes on Teen Over Web Site**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) -- Mike Rowe thinks it's funny that his catchy name for a Web site design company sounds a lot like Microsoft.

The software giant, however, is not amused.

"Since my name is Mike Rowe, I thought it would be funny to add 'soft' to the end of it," said Rowe, a 17-year-old computer geek and Grade 12 student in Victoria, British Columbia.

Microsoft Corp. and its attorneys have demanded that he give up his domain name, the Vancouver Province newspaper reported Sunday.

Rowe registered the name in August. In November, he received a letter from Microsoft's Canadian lawyers, Smart & Biggar, informing him he was committing copyright infringement.

He was advised to transfer the name to the Redmond, Wash.-based corporation.

"I didn't think they would get all their high-priced lawyers to come after me," Rowe said.

He wrote back asking to be compensated for giving up his name. Microsoft's lawyers offered him \$10 in U.S. funds. Then he asked for \$10,000.

On Thursday, he received a 25-page letter accusing him of trying to force Microsoft into giving him a large settlement.

"I never even thought of getting anything out of them," he said, adding that he only asked for the \$10,000 because he was "sort of mad at them for only offering 10 bucks."

He said family and friends are backing him and a lawyer has offered to advise him for free.

He's also keeping his sense of humor.

"It's not their name. It's my name. I just think it's kind of funny that they'd go after a 17-year-old," Rowe said.

Company spokesman Jim Desler said Sunday, "Microsoft has been in communication with Mr. Rowe in a good faith effort to reach a mutually agreeable resolution. And we remain hopeful we can resolve this issue to everyone's satisfaction."

## **Chaplain's thought for the day...**

### **Good Thoughts**

Good thoughts are like bright colors in a painting. Negative thoughts are dark and dreary and drab.

Each day we paint pictures of our own lives with our thoughts. If we step back and look at the canvas, we will see whether the picture is alive with bright colors or dreary and lifeless like a dark cloud.

Our thoughts have the power to bring joy or sadness our way, depending on what we expect or look for in our surroundings.

The choice of how we want our lives to be is ours.

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As of: Monday, January 19, 2004 8:43:50 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN CHOPPER	TODAY		00:00
00:30	NFL PRIMETIME	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			AFNEWS ON ASSIGNMENT	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		THE MIGHTY		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NFL LIVE	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: PITTSBURGH @ UCONN	ROCKET POWER : - ROCKET GIRLS	DRAGON TALES : - I BELIEVE IN ME/ BYE BABY BIRDIE	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NHL - COLORADO AVALANCHE @ TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - A WISH TOO FAR/ TINY TIMMY	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - GUMP ROAST	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	FOX NEWS LIVE	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - HOW UGLY IS HE			04:30
05:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: OKLAHOMA @ TEXAS TECH	BLOOPERS : - CLASSIC TV BLOOPERS	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	FOX NEWS LIVE	05:00
06:00	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 2		THE PRACTICE : - DANGEROUS LIAISONS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	FOX NEWS LIVE	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	CELEBRITY PROFILES : - LUCY LAWLESS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	PETER JENNINGS REPORTING - I HAVE A DREAM		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		SESAME STREET	UP, UP AND AWAY	DISNEY'S PB&J OTTER : - SOAP BOX DERBY/ HOWDY HOOHAW DAY	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	NBA FASTBREAK			WHAT'S NEW SCOOPY DOO? : - SHE SEES SEA MONSTER AT THE SEA SHORE		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	DRAGON TALES : - I BELIEVE IN ME/ BYE BABY BIRDIE		THAT'S SO RAVEN : - A FISH CALLED RAVEN	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	THE AMANDA SHOW		10:30
11:00	NBA - HOUSTON ROCKETS @ MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - ROCKET GIRLS	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - A WISH TOO FAR/ TINY TIMMY	HEADLINE NEWS		11:30
11:45					HEADLINE NEWS	11:45
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - GUMP ROAST	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - HOW UGLY IS HE	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			AMERICAN IDOL	SMALLVILLE : - RUSH	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30	NBA - UTAH JAZZ @ GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS					13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE : - DANGEROUS LIAISONS	LARA CROFT: TOMB RAIDER	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00		TODAY	CELEBRITY PROFILES : - LUCY LAWLESS		GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00	NBA FASTBREAK		PETER JENNINGS REPORTING - I HAVE A DREAM	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30	SPORTSCENTER			TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		DISNEY'S PB&J OTTER : - SOAP BOX DERBY/ HOWDY HOOHAW DAY	UP, UP AND AWAY		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30	BOWLING - PBA MEDFORD OPEN	WHAT'S NEW SCOOPY DOO? : - SHE SEES SEA MONSTER AT THE SEA SHORE		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		THAT'S SO RAVEN : - A FISH CALLED RAVEN			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		THE AMANDA SHOW	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - ROCKET GIRLS	THE PRINCESS DIARIES		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - A WISH TOO FAR/ TINY TIMMY			19:30
20:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: OKLAHOMA @ TEXAS TECH	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - GUMP ROAST		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - HOW UGLY IS HE			20:30
20:45						20:45
21:00		SMALLVILLE : - RUSH	AMERICAN IDOL		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:15				THE FULL MONTY		21:15
22:00	ESPNEWS	LARA CROFT: TOMB RAIDER	THE PRACTICE : - DANGEROUS LIAISONS		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - MVC: COLORADO STATE @ UTAH					22:30
23:00			CELEBRITY PROFILES : - LUCY LAWLESS	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

*Today in history...* Jan. 20, 1961

## JOHN F. KENNEDY INAUGURATED:

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On January 20, 1961, on the newly renovated east front of the United States Capitol, John Fitzgerald Kennedy is inaugurated as the 35th president of the United States.

It was a cold and clear day, and the nation's capital was covered with a snowfall from the previous night. The ceremony began with a religious invocation and prayers, and then African-American opera singer Marian Anderson sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Robert Frost recited his poem "The Gift Outright." Kennedy was administered the oath of office by Chief Justice Earl Warren. During his famous inauguration address, Kennedy, the youngest candidate ever elected to the presidency and the country's first Catholic president, declared that "the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans" and appealed to Americans to "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Born in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1917, Kennedy was the son of Joseph Patrick Kennedy, a wealthy businessman. Both of his grandfathers were politicians, and his father served appointed positions in the Roosevelt administration, most prominently as U.S. ambassador to Britain. Kennedy volunteered to fight in World War II and was decorated for an August 1943 action in which he saved several of his men after the PT torpedo boat he was commanding was sunk in the South Pacific. In 1944, Kennedy's older brother, Joseph, was killed in a bombing mission over Belgium. Joseph had planned to make a career in politics, and Kennedy, discharged and working as a reporter, decided to enter politics in his place.

He won the Democratic nomination for the 11th Congressional District of Massachusetts, defeated his Republican opponent, and became a U.S. congressman at the age of 29. Twice reelected, he was known in Congress for his foreign policy expertise, often taking a bipartisan stance when it came to issues of national security. In the election of 1952, in which the Republicans won the White House and majorities in Congress, Kennedy captured the Senate seat of Republican Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. after an intensive campaign.

In 1956, he nearly became the running mate of Democratic presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson, winning Kennedy wide national exposure and leading him to consider a bid for the 1960 presidential nomination. In 1957, he won the Pulitzer Prize for his book of biographical essays, *Profiles in Courage*, and in 1958, he was reelected to the Senate by the largest margin in Massachusetts history. By that time, Kennedy's presidential campaign was in full swing.

The press embraced the young, idealistic senator and his glamorous wife, Jackie, and Kennedy's father bought a 40-passenger Convair aircraft to transport the candidate and his staff around the country. By the time the 1960 Democratic National Convention convened, Kennedy had won seven primary victories. On July 13, he was nominated on the first ballot, and the next day Senate majority leader Lyndon Johnson was chosen as his running mate. Opposed by Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., Kennedy performed well in televised debates with Nixon, a new addition to presidential politics. On November 8, he was elected president.

Kennedy, his wife, and family seemed fitting representatives of the youthful spirit of America during the early 1960s, and the Kennedy White House was idealized by admirers as a modern-day "Camelot." In foreign policy, Kennedy actively fought communism in the world, ordering the controversial Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba and sending thousands of U.S. military "advisors" to Vietnam. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he displayed firmness and restraint, exercising an unyielding opposition to the placement of Soviet missiles in Cuba but also demonstrating a level-headedness during negotiations for their removal. On the domestic front, he introduced his "New Frontier" social legislation, calling for a rigorous federal desegregation policy and a sweeping new civil rights bill.

On November 22, 1963, after less than three years in office, Kennedy was assassinated while riding in an open-car motorcade with his wife in Dallas, Texas.